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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1916–1926. Page S325

Measures Passed:

Poison Center Network Act: Senate passed H.R. 3527, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program.

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Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1434, to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, and the bill was then passed.

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Measures Considered:

Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1846, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.

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Unemployment Benefits Extension: Senate continued consideration of S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631, relating to extension and modification of emergency unemployment compensation program. Page S300

Reid Amendment No. 2632 (to Amendment No. 2631), to change the enactment date. Page S300

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633, to change the enactment date. Page S300

Reid Amendment No. 2634 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2633), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 2635 (to Amendment No. 2634), of a perfecting nature. Page S300

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 8), Senate failed to table Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633, to change the enactment date.

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By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 9), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 (listed above).

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By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 10), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill.

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Further Continuing Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, Senate begin consideration of H.J. Res. 106, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, that there be no amendments, motions or points of order in order to the joint resolution; that there be up to 15 minutes of debate equally divided on the joint resolution; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—10)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S334.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COUNTERTERRORISM OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities received a closed briefing on Department of Defense counterterrorism operations from Michael G. Vickers, Under Secretary for Intelligence, Gary Reid, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Lieutenant General William C. Mayville, Jr., USA, Director for Operations, Joint Staff, and Brigadier General Richard C. Gross, JAGC, USA, Legal Counsel, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John Roth, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, and Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and William Ward Nooter, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL SPENDING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine conference and travel spending across the Federal government, after receiving testimony from Beth F. Cobert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President; Dan Tangherlini, Administrator, and Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, both of the General Services Administration; Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER TRAINING CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine management of air traffic controller training contracts, after receiving testimony from Mary Kay Langan-Feirson, Assistant Inspector General for Acquisition and Procurement Audits, Department of Transportation; Pat McNall, Acquisition Executive, Federal Aviation Administration; and Lynn Dugle, Raytheon Company, Washington, D.C.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW GROUP ON INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report of the President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Clarke, Michael J. Morell, Geoffrey R. Stone, Cass Sunstein, and Peter Swire, all a Member, President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies.